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CAROLYN HAX

Spouse really wants to stay at new job



BY CAROLYN HAX  
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**Dear Carolyn:** Three years ago, I got an excellent job opportunity — chief of surgery — at a hospital in a fairly remote area. My wife was reluctant to make the move since she’s a scientist and there were no jobs for her within 100 miles.

We finally agreed that I’d take the job and we’d live here for four years while I got this experience, and then move back. My wife ended up teaching high school biology at a really nice private school near our home.

I think we have a great life now: a beautiful 2-year-old-daughter; a spacious home with a gorgeous view; friendly neighbors; we can afford a full-time nanny, which would be a stretch back home. I had hoped my wife would come to love it, too, but she’s already counting down the days until we leave. I think she never gave this place a chance, never made real friends, lived for trips home and the networking she did to ensure she could get a job when we moved back.

I asked her recently about staying longer and she said, “I’d literally rather die.” A little melodramatic, but she

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got her point across.

I love my wife and am not the kind of man to back out on a deal, but I love it here and dread leaving. What do we do? A promise is a promise, but life gets in the way.

— Dread Leaving

**Dread Leaving:** No, it doesn’t. Self-interest gets in the way.

Unless you’re suggesting you’d be open to teaching at your family’s next stop — or insurance work, or telehealth? — if the market for surgeons is soft. And really, you know, \*give the place a chance.\*

Your wife is a scientist going out of her mind teaching high school biology as a personal sacrifice to help you get your career established.

There was a chance she would take to being a private school science teacher, yes. OK. These are GREAT jobs for People who Want to teach. I understand you got your hopes up.

Alas.

To suggest this was her fault is unfair. There are so many other reasons for her not to be happy besides not giving this place a chance and failing to recognize how good you have she has it.

Reasons such as: 1. Not doing the work that interests her and that she studied and trained for. 2. Doing work that does not interest her. 3. Not digging life in a remote area. (It’s not for everyone.) 4. Valuing quality of life (her niche) above standard of living (big house, nanny). 5. A real-friend bust that maybe wasn’t for lack of trying.

Leaving a place you’ve grown to love is hard stuff. I won’t pretend you aren’t facing a painful sacrifice now yourself. I am sorry for that. Relocating for one at the expense of the other is one of the toughest challenges for couples — both the fact of it and the ongoing work of not nursing a grudge for it. The mature work of giving your next place a chance, whether you think your partner did with the last one or not.

But your question wasn’t how will I handle leaving this town I’ve grown to love. You asked me, “What do we do?” Like, how do you and I get your wife from “I’d rather die” to “You win”? How does any of what you just described affect any of the terms of your deal? You made a promise. What “we” do is keep your promise.

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